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Dear Requester:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 29 August, 2018 for records which pertain to directed energy weapons (DEW) being tested or used on United States citizens. Records search location is 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middletown, PA. Your request was received by the Air National Guard on August 30, 2018 and assigned case #2018-04080-F.

Your request is in the complex queue for processing. This request is currently at position #431 on our queue for processing with a preliminary estimated completion date of August 30, 2020; however, we will make every effort to provide the responsive records as soon as possible. Please be advised that due to budget cuts, decreased manpower, and past furloughs of existing employees the FOIA backlog has increased and there may be longer than usual delays in processing your request. The above estimated date is being given based on our best judgment as to when all requests received during this month may expect to be completed and is not a guaranteed date of completion. All communications concerning this request should be identified with the above reference number and addressed to the address shown above.

If you have questions regarding your request, please contact my office at (844) 573-2939 or by e-mail: [ngb.foia@mail.mil](mailto:ngb.foia@mail.mil).

Sincerely,

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